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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	18484	Agenda Number	37.
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Meeting Date:	October 11, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with SYNAGRO OF TEXAS – CDR, INC., to provide biosolids hauling and land application for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,667,000 with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,667,000 per option period, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$5,001,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,667,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the two extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Aden, Corporate Purchasing Manager, 972-4040.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the loading of bio-solids located at the Austin Water Utility's, Hornsby Bend Bio-solids Management Plant and hauling this material to the contractor's sites for land application or disposal. The bio-solids to be applied or disposed of will be Class B bio-solids at approximately 14% to 20% total solids.

Bio-solids are treated sewage sludge, the solid component of sewage (or wastewater). Sludge is separated from wastewater at the AWU's treatment plants and sent to Hornsby Bend. There the sludge is anaerobically digested which is the process to significantly reduce pathogens. The bio-solids are approved for agricultural land application. The bio-solids are located in drying basins and the belt press area at Hornsby Bend.

Synagro of Texas has been performing this service in Texas for over 20 years through its permitted disposal site in Irving, Texas and land application sites in Colorado and Wharton Counties of Texas. Synagro of Texas is the current provider of these services for the Austin Water Utility.

MBE/WBE solicited: 6/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB NO. STA0280

Bio-solids Hauling and Land Application Services

40,000 to 50,000 Cubic Yards Per /Year

15,000 Cubic Yards Per /Year in Composting

(Three Line Items)

<u>Item Description:</u>	Synagro of Texas Houston, TX	Terra Renewal Services Richardson, TX
	<u>Unit Price- per CU/YD</u>	<u>Unit Price – per CU/YD</u>
1. Regular Hours - Transport and Land Application of Class B Bio-solids:	\$30.95	\$47.86
2. After Hours, Weekends or Holidays Transport and Application of Class B Bio-solids:	\$30.95	\$48.61
3. Regular Hours – Bio-solids composting, Sampling, hauling and applying compost Monday through Friday:	\$25.00	\$24.66

A copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Ninety-one notices were sent, including 6 MBE and 2 WBE firms. Two bids were received.
- The price offered represents a 14% increase from the previous contract awarded October 2008. This price can be attributed to the unstable cost in fuel and other cost related to maintenance of equipment and labor.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid of two bids received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.